

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**\$2,055,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT**

1976 School Bonds, Series A  
(General Obligations)

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The purpose of this Official Statement is to supply information to prospective bidders on, and buyers of, \$2,055,000 principal amount of the 1976 School Bonds, Series A, proposed to be issued by the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County on behalf of the Calexico Unified School District.

The material contained in this Official Statement was prepared by Stone & Youngberg Municipal Financing Consultants, Inc., in the capacity of financing consultants to the District (which firm will receive compensation from the District contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds).

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the purchasers of the 1976 School Bonds, Series A. Statements contained in this Official Statement which involve estimates, forecasts or matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so described herein, are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact.

The opinion of O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles, California, Bond Counsel to the District, will be furnished to the successful bidder (see the section entitled "Legal Opinion" herein).

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained herein and, if given or made, such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the bonds by a person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale.

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RICHARD C. BARELA  
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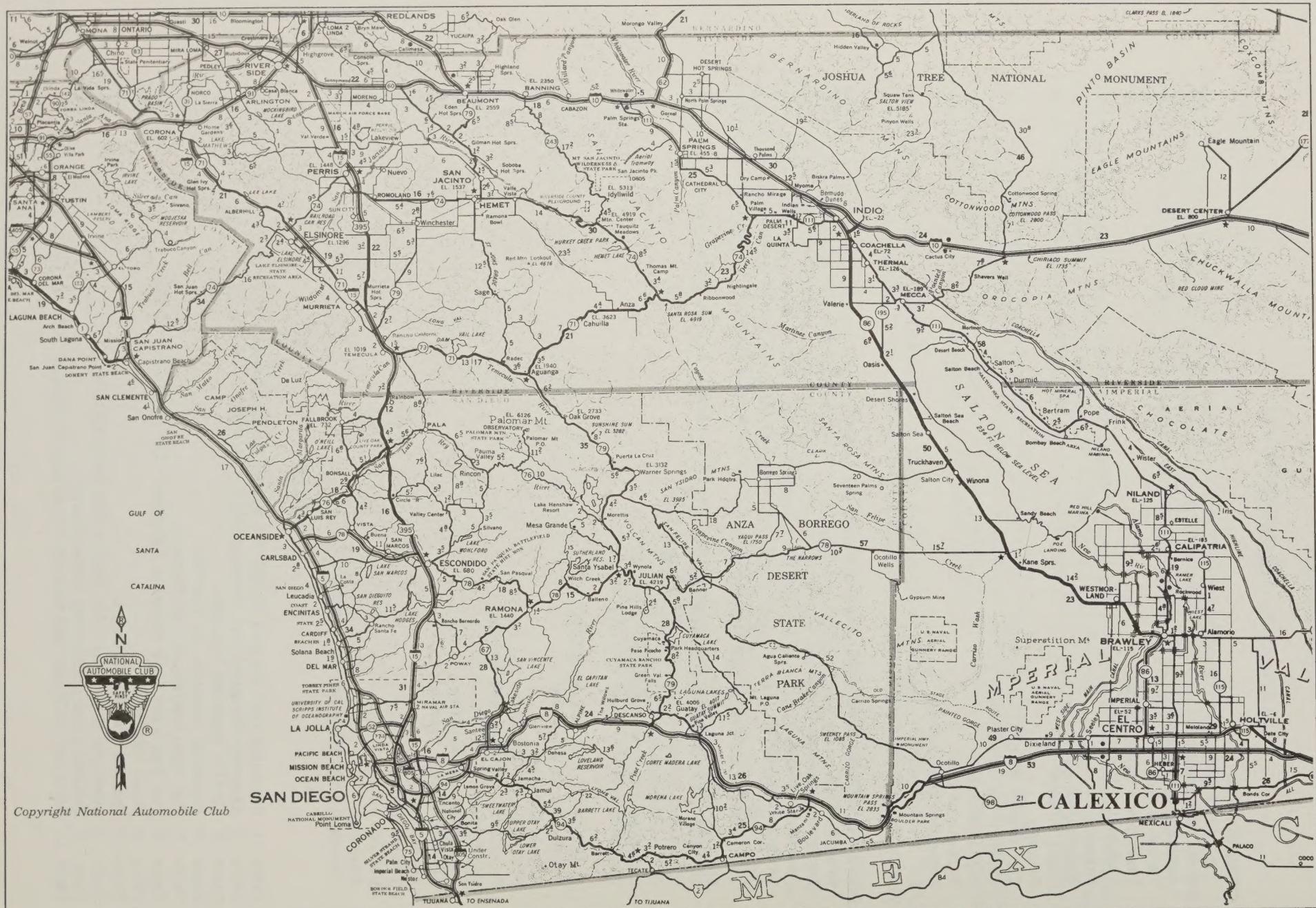
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Vicinity map showing the location of Calexico in relation to the city of San Diego.

## INTRODUCTION

The \$2,055,000 principal amount of Calexico Unified School District 1976 School Bonds, Series A represents the first sale of a total authorization of \$2,250,000 approved by more than 80 percent of the District voters at a March 2, 1976 election. Proceeds from the sale of the 1976 School Bonds, Series A (general obligations) will be applied towards the reduction of apportionments previously made to the District from State School Building Aid funds pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 19590.

The District, providing elementary and secondary school educational services to approximately 13,600 residents in an area containing 46 square miles, has operated as a unified school district under the laws of the State of California since formation in 1966. Located in the south central part of California's fertile Imperial Valley, the District is approximately 120 miles east of San Diego and 225 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The City of Calexico comprises approximately 66 percent of the assessed valuation of the District, and about 96 percent of its total population.

The Imperial Valley is a fertile agricultural region with extensive irrigation facilities utilizing water from the All-American Canal. Agriculture is virtually a year-round activity in the area because of the long growing season and excellent soil conditions. In each of the past two years, gross value of farm output in Imperial County topped half a billion dollars annually. The principal agricultural product is beef cattle. Leading farm crops in the county are sugar beets, hay, cotton lint, lettuce, and wheat, each valued at more than \$1 million in 1975.

Calexico serves as a trading center for the many farms and cattle ranches in the area, and for residents of Mexicali, Mexico, a city of approximately 500,000 population, which lies immediately south of the District, across the international border. After agriculture, and food processing activities associated with it, trade is the most important source of income in the District. To stimulate industrial employment, the City of Calexico is assisting in the development of a 66-acre Industrial Park.

An extensive highway network serves the area. State Highways 98 and 111 traverse the District. About nine miles to the north is Interstate 8, which serves the San Diego area and joins Interstate 10 south of Phoenix, Arizona. The Southern Pacific main line between southern California, Texas, and New Orleans passes through the District. Six offices of major West Coast trucking firms and the Greyhound Bus Lines are located in Calexico. Approximately fifteen miles north of Calexico is the Imperial County Airport, with scheduled air passenger and air cargo service by Hughes Airwest and Imperial Airlines.

Over the past five years, the District's assessed valuation increased approximately 66 percent and assessed valuations per unit of average daily attendance increased approximately 56 percent. In 1976/77, the revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance is \$1,057.23 and the general purpose tax rate is \$3.4519 per \$100 assessed valuation. The District's total tax rate over the past five years has ranged from a high of \$5.3112 in 1972/73 to a low of \$3.0208 in 1973/74.

Upon delivery of the 1976 School Bonds, Series A currently being offered for sale, the District's direct debt will be \$3,198,000 or 9.1 percent of assessed valuation and 2.1 percent of estimated real value. Net direct and estimated overlapping debt will be 9.8 percent and 2.2 percent of assessed valuation and estimated real value respectively.

## THE BONDS

### AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE

The \$2,055,000 principal amount of Calexico Unified School District 1976 School Bonds, Series A now being offered for sale are general obligations of the District and will be issued under provisions of Part 3, Division 16, Chapter 7 of the State of California Education Code and pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County adopted on September 14, 1976. The bonds represent the first series of a total authorization of \$2,250,000 approved by District voters at an election held on March 2, 1976.

### TERMS OF SALE

Bids will be received by Christina L. Dyer, Deputy County Counsel of Imperial County at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 1976 at the offices of Messrs. O'Melveny & Myers, 36th Floor Conference Room, 611 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, California. The bonds will be sold pursuant to the terms of sale contained in the Notice Inviting Bids dated September 14, 1976.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The 1976 School Bonds, Series A consist of \$2,055,000 aggregate principal amount dated November 15, 1976. The bonds, all in the denomination of \$5,000, will mature serially in consecutive numerical order from lower to higher as set forth in the following maturity schedule:

Date of Maturity (November 15)	Principal Maturing	Date of Maturity (November 15)	Principal Maturing
1977	\$ 5,000	1987	\$ 20,000
1978	10,000	1988	155,000
1979	10,000	1989	165,000
1980	10,000	1990	180,000
1981	10,000	1991	195,000
1982	10,000	1992	210,000
1983	15,000	1993	225,000
1984	15,000	1994	245,000
1985	20,000	1995	265,000
1986	20,000	1996	270,000

Interest on the bonds at a rate not to exceed eight percent per annum is payable for the first year on November 15, 1977 and semiannually thereafter on May 15 and November 15.

### REDEMPTION PROVISIONS

Bonds maturing by their terms on or before November 15, 1992 are not subject to redemption prior to their respective stated maturities. Bonds maturing by their terms on or after November 15, 1993 are subject to redemption prior to their respective stated maturities, at the option of the Governing Board of Calexico Unified School District as a whole, or in part, in inverse order of maturities (and by lot within each maturity), on any interest payment date on or after November 15, 1992, upon payment of the principal amount thereof, plus a premium equal to the sum of

one-quarter of one percent of said principal amount plus one-quarter of one percent of said principal for each year or fraction thereof, if any, remaining between the date fixed for redemption and the fixed maturity date of the bonds called for redemption.

#### PAYMENT

Both principal and interest are payable at the office of the Treasurer of Imperial County.

#### REGISTRATION

The bonds will be coupon bonds, registrable only as to both principal and interest.

#### LEGAL OPINION

The legal opinion of O'Melveny & Myers, Bond Counsel, attesting to the validity of the bonds, will be supplied to the original purchasers of the bonds without charge. A copy of the legal opinion, certified by the facsimile signature of the County Treasurer will be printed on each bond, without cost to the successful bidder.

The statements of law and legal conclusions set forth herein under the captions "Authority for Issuance", "Terms of Sale", "Description of the Bonds", "Redemption Provisions", "Payment", "Registration", "Security", "Tax Exempt Status", and "Legality for Investment" have been reviewed by Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel's employment is limited to a review of the legal proceedings required for authorization of the bonds and to rendering an opinion as to the validity of the bonds and the exemption of interest on the bonds from income taxation. The opinion of Bond Counsel will not consider or extend to any documents, agreements, representations, offering circulars, or other material of any kind concerning the bonds not mentioned in this paragraph.

#### SECURITY

The bonds are general obligations of the Calexico Unified School District, and the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County has the power and is obligated under the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds to levy ad valorem taxes for payment of the bonds and the interest thereon upon all property within the District subject to taxation by the District (except certain personal property which is taxable at limited rates), without limitation as to rate or amount.

#### TAX EXEMPT STATUS

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the bonds is exempt from all present Federal income taxes and from State of California personal income taxes under existing statutes, regulations and court decisions.

#### LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT

The bonds are legal investments in California for all trust funds and for funds of all insurance companies, commercial and savings banks, trust companies, and for State school funds, and are eligible as security for deposits of public monies in California.

## NO LITIGATION

There is no litigation pending concerning the validity of the bonds, and the successful bidder will be furnished a no-litigation certificate certifying to the foregoing at the time of the delivery of the bonds.

Litigation challenging the constitutionality under provisions of the California Constitution of the present system of levying taxes and applying funds for public school purposes is pending before the California Supreme Court in Serrano v. Priest, case number L A 30398.

The outcome of this litigation, and any resulting change in the sources of funds, including property taxation applied to the support of public schools and any effects thereof on the bonds are not determinable at this time. However, it is not expected that such litigation will modify the rights of the holders of bonds issued and delivered prior to the date of final resolution of the issues by the California Supreme Court to ultimate recourse to ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Calexico Unified School District for the payment of the bonds if not paid from other sources.

## PURPOSE OF ISSUE

Proceeds from the sale of the \$2,055,000 principal amount of the 1976 School Bonds, Series A will be used for authorized school purposes in accordance with the provisions of the California Education Code Section 19590, as described in detail in the "Improvement Program" section of the Official Statement.

## ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE

Table 1 presents a schedule of estimated annual debt service for the bonds currently being offered for sale and debt service on prior District bonds. Estimated interest on the bonds, as shown in Table 1, is at the maximum rate of eight percent (8%).

Table 1

## CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Estimated Debt Service

\$2,055,000 School Bonds, Series A

\$2,055,000 1976 - School Bonds, Series A							
Fiscal Year	Principal Outstanding July 1	Int. Estimated @ 8% due Nov. 15	Int. Estimated @ 8% due May 15	Principal Maturing Nov. 15	Estimated Bond Service	Bond Service Prior Issues (1)	Estimated Grand Total All Issues
1977/78	\$2,055,000	\$ 164,400	\$ 82,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 251,400	\$ 131,705	\$ 383,105
1978/79	2,050,000	82,000	81,600	10,000	173,600	134,510	308,110
1979/80	2,040,000	81,600	81,200	10,000	172,800	132,105	304,905
1980/81	2,030,000	81,200	80,800	10,000	172,000	136,665	308,665
1981/82	2,020,000	80,800	80,400	10,000	171,200	135,095	306,295
1982/83	2,010,000	80,400	80,000	10,000	170,400	130,370	300,770
1983/84	2,000,000	80,000	79,400	15,000	174,400	130,645	305,045
1984/85	1,985,000	79,400	78,800	15,000	173,200	130,695	303,895
1985/86	1,970,000	78,800	78,000	20,000	176,800	130,750	307,550
1986/87	1,950,000	78,000	77,200	20,000	175,200	135,590	310,790
1987/88	1,930,000	77,200	76,400	20,000	173,600	---	173,600
1988/89	1,910,000	76,400	70,200	155,000	301,600	---	301,600
1989/90	1,755,000	70,200	63,600	165,000	298,800	---	298,800
1990/91	1,590,000	63,600	56,400	180,000	300,000	---	300,000
1991/92	1,410,000	56,400	48,600	195,000	300,000	---	300,000
1992/93	1,215,000	48,600	40,200	210,000	298,800	---	298,800
1993/94	1,005,000	40,200	31,200	225,000*	296,400	---	296,400
1994/95	780,000	31,200	21,400	245,000*	297,600	---	297,600
1995/96	535,000	21,400	10,800	265,000*	297,200	---	297,200
1996/97	270,000	10,800	---	270,000*	280,800	---	280,800
		\$1,382,600	\$1,218,200	\$2,055,000	\$4,655,800	\$1,328,130	\$5,983,930

\*Callable on or after November 15, 1992

(1) Source: Imperial County Auditor Controller records. Tax levy for bond service of prior issues (all of which mature on June 1) will be made in same fiscal year as bond interest and redemption payment. Tax levy for 1976 School Bonds, Series A (maturing November 15), will be made in the fiscal year prior to the bond interest and redemption payment.

## THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Calexico Unified School District was formed in 1966 when the Calexico Elementary, Calexico Union High and a portion of Jasper-Alamitos Elementary School Districts were consolidated. District facilities include five elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school, and one continuation high school. The 1976 School Bonds, Series A, currently being offered are a part of a \$2,250,000 authorization approved by more than 80 percent of the voters voting at an election held in the District on March 2, 1976, and will be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for authorized school purposes.

Under state law local school districts in California may qualify for state apportionments from the School Building Aid Fund to assist in the construction and furnishing of school facilities. Participation in this state loan program must be authorized by the local school district's electorate. On March 2, 1976, voters of the Calexico Unified School District authorized an additional state building aid participation in the amount of \$2,000,000. Prior authorizations aggregating \$2,225,000 for participation in the state building aid program were approved by voters in the District in 1966, and in the pre-unification Union High School District in 1962, of which \$1,145,043 principal amount have been apportioned to the District.

As required by the Education Code, the bond proceeds will be used to repay a portion of the State School Building Aid Funds received by the District. The use of the bond proceeds will, pursuant to the Education Code, entitle the District to receive \$3,070,548 in additional State School Building Aid Funds. These funds will be expended by the District for the construction of the various facilities shown below, which were approved by the state on July 19, 1976 and August 9, 1976.

CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT School Facility Building Program		
School Facility	Estimated Cost	
Addition to Mains School	\$ 623,153	
Addition to Calexico High School	297,368	
New construction Kennedy Gardens School	1,276,627	
Addition to De Anza Junior High School	738,897	
Conversion at Hoffman School	134,503	
Total	\$3,070,548	

Source: Director of General Services, State  
Allocations, Exhibits 19/83504, 19/83505, approved  
July 19, 1976, and 19/83506, 19/83507, 19/83508,  
approved on August 9, 1976.

## DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND FINANCIAL DATA

### ORGANIZATION

The Calexico Unified School District provides elementary and secondary school educational services to residents of an area encompassing approximately 46 square miles that includes the City of Calexico and an adjoining unincorporated area.

The District has operated as a unified school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since 1966, when the Calexico School District, Calexico Union High School District and the Jasper portion of the Jasper-Alamitos School District were consolidated to form the present District. The District is governed by an independent Board of Trustees of five members who are elected for overlapping four-year terms. The District's affairs are administered by the Superintendent, who is appointed by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Richard C. Barela has served the District as Superintendent since 1971. Mr. Barela has been engaged in the field of education for 27 years.

### FACILITIES AND ATTENDANCE

District facilities include five elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school and one continuation high school. The District's staff includes 207 certificated, 185 classified, 14 administrative personnel and 10 part-time classified employees. The District's projected enrollment as of October 1976 is 4,900.

Table 2 shows District assessed valuations, average daily attendance, and assessed valuation per student in average daily attendance over the past five years. During this period, the District's assessed valuation increased approximately 66 percent and assessed valuations per unit of average daily attendance increased approximately 56 percent. Average daily attendance over the past five years has increased 6.5 percent from 4,520 in 1972/73 to an estimated 4,814 in 1976/77.

Table 2  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Assessed Valuation and Average Daily Attendance

Fiscal Year	Assessed Valuation (1)	Average	Assessed Valuation
		Daily Attendance (2)	Per Unit Average Daily Attendance
1972/73	\$21,226,160	4,520	\$4,696
1973/74	22,484,772	4,734	4,750
1974/75	28,091,190	4,682	6,000
1975/76	29,486,735	5,014 (3)	5,881
1976/77	35,251,830	4,814 (4)	7,323

(1) Includes State reimbursed exemptions.

(2) Includes summer enrollments and special classes.

(3) Includes carryover of year-round programs in 1974/75.

(4) Estimated during the period September 1976 through June 1977.

Sources: Imperial County Auditor-Controller (Assessed Valuations), and Calexico Unified School District (Average Daily Attendance).

## ASSESSED VALUATIONS

The Imperial County Assessor assesses property for District tax purposes. The State Board of Equalization reports the 1976/77 Imperial County valuations average 22.7 percent of full market value, except for public utility property, which is assessed by the State at 25 percent of full value.

Under California State Law, two types of exemptions of property from ad valorem taxes became effective in the 1969/70 fiscal year. One exempts 50 percent of the value of business inventories from ad valorem taxes. The other provides for an exemption of \$1,750 of the assessed valuation of an owner-occupied dwelling if the owner files for the exemption. Under a recently enacted Constitutional Amendment, the California legislature can raise this exemption. Revenue estimated to be lost to each taxing entity as a result of such exemptions is reimbursed to the taxing entity from state funds. The reimbursement is based upon total taxes which would be due on the assessed valuation of the property qualifying for these exemptions, without allowance for delinquencies. Table 3 presents the District's 1976/77 assessed valuation by tax roll, before and after these two exemptions.

Table 3  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1976/77 Assessed Valuation

Tax Roll	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homeowners and Business Inventory Exemptions	Assessed Valuation for Revenue Purposes
Secured	\$27,496,795	\$ 2,934,395	\$30,431,190
Utility	827,160	--	827,160
Unsecured	<u>2,657,380</u>	<u>1,336,100</u>	<u>3,993,480</u>
Total	\$30,981,335	\$ 4,270,495	\$35,251,830

Source: Imperial County Auditor-Controller.

Table 4 shows a five-year history of the District's assessed valuation by tax roll prior to deductions for the two previously discussed special exemptions.

Table 4  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Assessed Valuation by Tax Roll (1)

Tax Roll	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77
Secured Roll	\$18,426,290	\$19,466,670	\$24,613,360	\$25,725,655	\$30,431,190
Unsecured Roll	2,139,270	2,374,512	2,737,880	2,965,740	3,993,480
Utility Roll	<u>660,600</u>	<u>643,590</u>	<u>739,950</u>	<u>795,340</u>	<u>827,160</u>
Total	\$21,226,160	\$22,484,772	\$28,091,190	\$29,486,735	\$35,251,830

(1) Includes reimbursable exemptions.

Sources: Imperial County Auditor-Controller.

## REVENUE LIMITATIONS

Since 1973/74, California school districts have operated under general purpose property tax revenue limitations established in legislation adopted in 1973. This legislation, however, does not impose a maximum property tax rate for the purpose of meeting general obligation bond service payments. The Board of Supervisors of Imperial County is required to levy ad valorem taxes without limit as to rate or amount to meet general obligation debt service of the District.

Since 1973/74 allowable annual tax rates to be applied to a district's assessed valuation have been derived from a statutory formula which takes into account a number of factors including adjustments for inflation, limited mandatory contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System, basic state aid, state equalization aid, changes in average daily attendance, and prior year's tax collections. The tax required to raise the general purpose monies is the district's maximum general purpose tax rate.

The District's revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance and general purpose tax rate actually levied in 1975/76 were: \$965.71 and \$4.5036 per \$100 assessed valuation, respectively.

In 1976/77, the revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance is \$1,057.23 with a general purpose tax rate of \$3.4519 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

## TAX RATES

Table 5 shows the Calexico Unified School District tax rate for the past five-year period. The District's total tax rate during this period ranged from \$3.0208 to \$5.3112 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Table 5  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tax Rate Distribution by Purpose

	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77
Net General Purpose	\$2.7387	\$1.9347	\$3.5700	\$3.6600	\$3.3000
Community Services	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000	.1000
Repayment Public School Building Fund Apportionment	.4508	.4552	.7878	.7436	.0519
Other	1.4377 (1)	--	--	--	--
Gross General Purpose	\$4.7272	\$2.4899	\$4.4578	\$4.5036	\$3.4519
Bond Interest and Redemption	.5840	.5309	.2522	.3020	.9425
Total	\$5.3112	\$3.0208	\$4.7100	\$4.8056	\$4.3944

(1) Includes permanent retirement annuity fund .0117, employee retirement systems .2674, health and welfare benefits .5464, education of mentally retarded minors .0567, opportunity and/or continuation schools .0525, excess cost of education of seventh and eighth grade pupils .4460, personnel commission budget .0670.

Source: Imperial County Auditor-Controller and District audit reports.

There are 7 Tax Code Areas in the District. In the 1976/77 tax year, total tax rates within these code areas ranged from \$8.6435 to \$10.9235 per \$100 assessed valuation. Tax Code Area 02-000, located within the City of Calexico, is the largest area by assessed valuation in the District, with a 1976/77 assessed valuation of \$19,408,260. Table 6 illustrates the record of total tax rates levied in Tax Code Area 02-000 over the past five fiscal years.

Table 6  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tax Code Area 02-000  
Tax Rates Per \$100 Assessed Valuation

	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77
County General Fund	\$ 3.1626	\$ 3.1237	\$ 2.8320	\$ 2.7649	\$ 2.5314
City of Calexico	3.1200	3.0000	2.3200	2.3200	2.3200
Hefferman Hospital District	---	---	---	.2000	.1730
Imperial Community College	1.0870	1.0152	.9069	.8729	.8652
Calexico Unified School District	5.3112	3.0208	4.7100	4.8056	4.3944
All Other	.2899	.5156	.6492	.5284	.6395
Total	\$12.9707	\$10.6753	\$11.4181	\$11.4918	\$10.9235

Source: Imperial County Auditor-Controller.

A listing of large taxpayers within the District and their 1976/77 assessed valuation is presented in Table 7.

Table 7  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Major Taxpayers

Taxpayer	Product/Service	Assessed Valuation
Fed Mart Corporation	Department store	\$310,100
Hartman and Williams	Feed Lot	185,345
S.H. Kress	Department store	157,110
Sam Ellis Store Inc.	Department store	154,420
Imperial Hardware Co.	Household appliances, furniture	133,080
Western Auto Supply	Auto accessories and appliances	128,470
Cattlemen's Feed and Milling	Feed mill	118,200
Bates & Osborn Inc.	Farm equipment	116,805
Borden Motor Parts, Inc.	Auto parts	114,370
Saikhon-Mario	Farming	106,455

Source: Imperial County Assessor.

## TAX LEVIES, COLLECTIONS, AND DELINQUENCIES

School District secured and utility taxes appear on the same tax bill as County and City taxes, are payable in equal installments on November 1 and February 1, and become delinquent on December 10 and April 10 respectively. Taxes on properties appearing on the unsecured roll are assessed on March 1 and become delinquent the following August 31. Table 8 summarizes the total secured tax levies and the amount and percentage of the levy delinquent as of June 30 for the past five fiscal years in the District's tax code areas.

Table 8  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Secured Tax Delinquency<sup>(1)</sup>

Year Ending June 30	Secured Tax Levy	Delinquent as of June 30	
		Amount	Percent
1972	\$1,920,102	\$143,517	7.47%
1973	2,152,469	139,055	6.46
1974	1,684,306 <sup>(2)</sup>	111,547	6.62
1975	2,414,636	199,154	8.25
1976	2,526,001	152,292	6.03

(1) Includes all taxes collectible by Imperial County within the District. As of June 30 of each year prior years' secured tax collections, interest and penalties for District taxes only were as follows: 1972, \$43,631; 1973, \$40,402; 1974, \$62,234; 1975, \$21,335; 1976, \$66,105.

(2) Reimbursable homeowners exemptions increased to \$1,750 from \$750, resulting in a lower taxable assessed valuation.

Source: County Auditor-Controller.

## FUND BALANCES

The tabulation below presents the surplus balances in all District funds as of June 30 for the past four fiscal years.

CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Fund Balances as of June 30

Fund	1973	1974	1975	1976
General Fund	\$354,948	\$660,822	\$766,261	\$1,353,909
Bond Interest and Redemption Fund	98,143	106,427	65,764	28,577
Special Reserve Fund	103	115	128	135
State School Building Fund	1,689	1,941	240	369

Source: District audit reports for years 1973, 1974 and 1975, annual budget report for 1976.

## GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

Table 9 presents a five year summary of revenues and expenditures of the Calexico Unified School District as reported in annual audits and financial reports of the District. Also included in Table 9 is the annual expenditure budget and the annual variation of these budgets to actual expenditures.

Table 9  
CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Summary of General Fund Income and Expenditures

	Fiscal Year				
	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75
Fund Balances adjusted July 1 (1)	\$ 234,176	\$ 327,836	\$ 214,447	\$ 371,481	\$ 758,030
<u>Income:</u>					
Federal Sources	478,909	417,753	464,762	448,626	422,541
Combined State and Federal Sources	---	---	---	---	54,000
State Sources	1,901,552	1,858,642	2,207,099	3,428,394	3,554,905
County Sources	---	---	---	127,999	176,801
Local Sources	734,341	812,879	940,892	571,662	1,088,824
Tuition	32,598	---	---	---	---
Interest	16,052	17,134	18,941	80,359	---
Equalization offset tax	27,860	32,979	39,414	---	---
Other Income	31,031	144,917	105,975	34,407	---
Transfers	---	---	---	7,414	2,186
Subtotal	\$3,222,343	\$3,284,304	\$3,777,083	\$4,698,861	\$5,299,257
Total Income Available	\$3,456,519	\$3,612,140	\$3,991,530	\$5,070,342	\$6,057,287
<u>Expenditures: (2)</u>					
Certified Salaries	---	---	---	---	2,972,953
Classified Salaries	---	---	---	---	872,970
Employee Benefits	---	---	---	---	424,339
Books, Supplies, Equipment					
Replacement	---	---	---	---	388,767
Contracted Services	---	---	---	---	309,104
Administration	116,807	105,481	110,761	125,394	---
Instruction	2,283,752	2,451,528	2,614,571	3,087,829	---
Health Services	21,208	27,779	25,215	27,482	---
Pupil Transportation	21,831	21,524	34,976	48,319	---
Operation of Plant	245,289	231,395	238,878	265,305	---
Maintenance of Plant	88,161	132,483	160,654	189,659	---
Fixed Charges	157,403	220,232	261,451	379,635	---
Food Services	34,591	21,993	755	622	---
Community Services	16,327	16,334	23,114	25,205	---
Capital Outlay	112,974	111,274	80,412	150,339	117,443
Debt Service - Repayment					
School Building Aid Loans	60,859	75,933	83,588	105,466	198,275
Outgoing Transfers	1,954	77,119	2,207	4,265	7,175
Total Expenditures	\$3,161,156	\$3,493,075	\$3,636,582	\$4,409,520	\$5,291,026
Revised Budget Expenditures	3,327,493	3,555,494	3,767,571	4,698,078	5,917,161
Variance to Actual Expenditures	166,337	62,419	130,989	288,558	626,135
Ending Balance June 30	\$ 295,363	\$ 119,065	\$ 354,948	\$ 660,822	\$ 766,261

(1) The fund balances at the beginning of the year are adjusted, principally by corrections to accounts receivable and payable, together with adjustments for unapportioned taxes and interest at June 30.

(2) Beginning in 1974/75 all school districts in the State of California are required to follow accounting and financial reporting procedures in accordance with revenue source categories and classification object code prescribed by the California State Accounting Manual. Certain expenditure items in 1974/75 cannot, therefore, be directly compared with prior years.

Source: District audit reports for individual years.

The tabulations in Table 10 show a summary of the District's 1975/76 actual income and expenditures as shown in the annual budget report. Table 10 also contains a summary of the District's 1976/77 general fund budget.

**Table 10**  
**CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund Income and Expenditures**

	1975/76 Actual	1976/77 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Adjusted Net Beginning Balance	\$ 738,101	\$1,358,909
Federal Income	657,235	573,476
Combined Federal and State Income	58,077	58,000
State Income	4,453,864	4,332,903
County Income	137,996	142,548
Local Income	1,269,406	1,549,069
Incoming Transfers	8,357	---
Total Available Income	<u>\$7,323,036</u>	<u>\$8,014,905</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Certified Salaries	3,242,728	3,565,104
Classified Salaries	1,091,519	1,173,995
Employee Benefits	530,531	662,181
Books, Supplies and Equipment		
Replacement	406,636	447,350
Contracted Services and Other		
Operating Expenses	345,863	471,500
Sites, Buildings, Books, Media		
and New Equipment	139,269	212,100
Other Outgo, Including School		
Building Apportionment	212,581	258,100
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,969,127</u>	<u>\$6,790,330</u>
Appropriations for Contingencies	---	450,000
Net Ending Balance	1,353,909	---
General Reserve	<u>---</u>	<u>774,575</u>
Total	<u>\$7,323,036</u>	<u>\$8,014,905</u>

Source: Annual Budget Report (Form J-41), July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977, adopted by the governing board of Calexico Unified School District on August 2, 1976. The 1975/76 general fund is not audited.

## DIRECT AND ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT

The District's general obligation bonding capacity is equal to 10 percent of its assessed valuation after all exemptions except homeowners' and business inventory, as adjusted by the Collier Factor. The Collier Factor is a comparison of a county's assessment level with the statewide average ratio. The factor is used to offset differences in assessment levels for inter-county school districts and conforms assessment to the statewide average assessment level for all property. The District's bonding capacity as reported by the Imperial County Auditor-Controller is \$3,848,832. Upon delivery of the 1976 School Bonds, Series A currently being offered, the District's direct general obligation bonded debt will be \$3,198,000. Table 11 is a statement of direct and estimated overlapping bonded debt of the District as of October 19, 1976.

As of June 30, 1976, the District's State School Building Aid repayable amounted to \$4,096,684.

## OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

The District maintains lease contracts for the use of various portable facilities, office equipment, driver training car and classroom and office facilities. The 1976/77 fiscal year lease contracts total \$60,000 as compared to \$31,360 in the fiscal year 1975/76. At the end of each fiscal year the District has the option to return or continue to rent the various portable facilities. These are obligations of the general fund and separate from the debt service redemption fund.

## EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Certificated personnel of the Calexico Unified School District may be members of the recognized professional organization of the Associated Calexico Teachers (California Teachers Association Affiliate). Classified employees may also be members of professional organizations of which the California School Employee's Association (CSEA) is the largest.

The District completed negotiating new employment contracts with certificated personnel on September 27, 1976. The District is currently negotiating the 1976/77 new employment contracts with classified employees. The 1976/77 Budget was adopted by the Governing Board of the District on August 2, 1976.

On July 1, 1976, provisions of the Rodda Act codified as Chapter 961 of the 1976 Statutes became effective for all school districts in California. In case of labor disputes, local grievance procedures may be operative (if established by contract), or both parties may agree to submit grievances to final and binding arbitration pursuant to rules adopted by the Educational Employment Relations Board, which administers the Act. The Act's provisions with respect to the rights, obligations, and unfair practices applicable to management and labor became effective April 1, 1976.

Table 11  
 CALEXICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Statement of Direct and Estimated Overlapping Bonded Debt (1)

Estimated population	13,600	
Assessed valuation (1976/77)	\$ 35,251,830 (2)	
Estimated real value	\$154,959,132 (3)	
		Estimated
Public Entity	Percent Applicable	Debt Applicable October 19, 1976
Imperial Junior College District	11.365%	\$ 71,031
Calexico Unified School District	100.000	3,198,000 (4)
City of Calexico	100.000	180,000
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT		\$3,449,031
	Ratio to	
	Assessed Valuation	Real Value
Assessed valuation	---	---
Direct debt	9.1%	2.1%
Net direct and estimated overlapping bonded debt	9.8%	2.2%
	Per Capita	
(1) Compiled in cooperation with California Municipal Statistics, Inc.		
(2) The 1976/77 assessed valuation is before deduction of \$4,270,495 homeowners' and business inventory exemption, the taxes on which are paid by the State of California.		
(3) State Board of Equalization reports that 1976/77 Imperial County Assessed Valuation averaged 22.7% of full value. Public utility property (\$827,160) is assessed at 25% of full market value.		
(4) Includes \$2,055,000 to be sold October 19, 1976.		

## PENSION PLANS

The District participates in the State of California Teachers' Retirement System (STRS). This plan covers basically all full-time certificated employees. The District's contribution to STRS for fiscal year 1975/76 amounted to \$172,345, which includes both current costs and backfunding.

The District also participates in the State of California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). This plan covers all classified personnel who are employed at least 50 percent of the workweek. The District's contribution to PERS for 1975/76 amounted to \$81,714, which includes both current costs and backfunding.

Both systems are operated on a statewide basis. Records are maintained in such a way that information relating to vested benefits, unfunded vested benefits, and prior service costs are not available for the District.

The State Teachers' Retirement System. This System is administered by the State of California with contributions from both employees and employers. The State of California also contributes \$135,000,000 annually until the year 2002, subject to annual legislative appropriation. This \$135,000,000 annual authorization will amortize by the year 2002 the unfunded liabilities incurred prior to 1972 (\$1,747,624,637).

The actuarial method used is a projected benefit cost method where level normal rates sufficient to fund benefits over the entire service life of members are computed. The contribution rates are established to fund current service and interest on the unfunded liabilities not being amortized by the state contribution (\$6,257,975,000). The System's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis (Annual Financial Report State Teachers' Retirement System, 6/30/74).

As of June 30, 1975, the total unfunded liabilities of the State Teachers' Retirement System were: \$1,747,624,637 (State contribution which is being amortized by the \$135,000,000 annual contribution) and \$6,257,975,000 (member contribution on which interest is being amortized). This unfunded total liability is \$8,005,599,637 (Annual Financial Report, State Teachers' Retirement System, 6/30/75). In 1972, legislation (AB 543) was passed to put the System on a fully funded basis over a period of thirty years. The State Teachers' Retirement System reports that further changes in the contribution rates are now under study.

The Teachers' Retirement System's actuary is Milliman and Robertson, Inc. of Seattle, Washington; Investment Counsel for equities is B A Investment Management Company, San Francisco, California; auditor is Coopers and Lybrand, Sacramento, California.

The State Public Employees' Retirement System. This system, originally established in 1931, is governed by an eleven member Board of Administration. Administrative functions are carried out under the direction of an Executive Officer with a current staff of approximately 475. As of June 30, 1975, there were 535,786 members, of which approximately 10% are classified as "safety" members (principally fire and police duties) and the balance are classified as "miscellaneous" members (management, administrative, staff, operational and clerical employees).

Approximately 33% of the members are state personnel and the balance (67%) are public agency personnel. As of June 30, 1975, the System provided retirement, death and survivor benefits under 901 contracts for about 1,900 public agency employers (cities, counties, and other public agencies) with 356,517 members. The System's funding is by employer and employee contributions together with investment income. Contributions fluctuate yearly depending on the number of members and their respective salary schedules. The annual contribution by the State of California for the 1974 and 1975 fiscal years, as reported by the State Controller, was \$162,649,578 and \$231,057,854, respectively. The System's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and the System's auditor is Coopers and Lybrand, Sacramento, California. Citicorp Investment Management, Inc., San Francisco, provides investment advisory services. The System's actuarial activities are conducted internally on a continuous basis, with an experience analysis being conducted no less than every four years.

Total assets of the System at June 30, 1975 were \$7,010,663,041, according to the Annual Report of the State Controller. Of this amount, net assets of \$6,970,264,122 were available for benefits. Comparable figures for June 30, 1974 were \$6,233,924,599 and \$6,207,963,069, respectively. The unfunded obligation of the System was determined to be \$4,907,998,387 at June 30, 1974 by the independent auditors. This represents the present value of future state contributions of approximately \$2.8 billion and other member contributions of approximately \$2.1 billion. The total unfunded obligation does not take into account the provisions of Chapter 187, Statutes of 1975, which prescribed a new increased contribution rate by the state with respect to state miscellaneous members. The comparable amount for June 30, 1975, is not available.

The amount of the respective unfunded liabilities will vary from time to time depending upon the actuarial assumptions utilized, rates of return and salary scales. The present System policy is designed to satisfy the unfunded obligation by the year 2000 (Source: Retirement System).

## THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY

### DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

The Calexico Unified School District covers an area of 46 square miles in south central Imperial County. Its southern boundary is the international border with Mexico. From this line, the District extends to the west, north, and east of the City of Calexico, which is located about 120 miles east of San Diego, 225 miles southeast of Los Angeles, and 635 miles southeast of San Francisco. The District has a present estimated population of 13,600 persons.

The District is situated in the Imperial Valley, a fertile agricultural region with extensive irrigation facilities utilizing water from the All-American Canal, a project of the Imperial Irrigation District. Agriculture is virtually a year-round activity in the area because of the long growing season and excellent soil conditions. The weather station at Imperial, a few miles north of the District, reports a mean January temperature of 53.4 degrees and a mean July temperature of 92.2 degrees. Annual rainfall averages 2.81 inches.

Calexico serves as a trading center for the many farms and cattle ranches in the area, and for residents of Mexicali, a city of approximately 500,000 population, which lies immediately south of the District, across the international border. After agriculture, and the food processing activities associated with it, trade is the most important source of income in the District. Industrial development is limited, consisting of small and medium-size firms in the apparel industry. However, the City of Calexico has formulated a program for attracting light industry, as described in paragraphs that follow.

The City of Calexico accounts for about 66 percent of the assessed valuation of the District, and about 96 percent of its total estimated population.

### CITY OF CALEXICO

Calexico is the southernmost city in Imperial County and the third largest in the county. As of January 1, 1976, the State Department of Finance estimated its population at 13,050. Other cities in the county, with 1976 populations, are: El Centro (21,150), Brawley (13,850), Holtville (4,450), Imperial (3,150), Calipatria (2,080), and Westmorland (1,440). Calexico lies across the border from the city of Mexicali, capital of Baja California, Mexico.

Incorporated in 1908, Calexico is a general law city with the Council-Manager form of government. The five members of the City Council are elected at large, and select one of their number to serve as mayor. The city maintains a police department, a fire department, a municipal hospital, an airport, and a municipal library. There are 124 city employees.

### U.S. CUSTOMS DISTRICT

San Diego and Imperial counties form the San Diego Customs District, which encompasses the California-Mexico International Border. The customs district has five main points of entry: Calexico and Andrade in Imperial County, and Tecate, San Ysidro, and the Port of San Diego in San Diego County. In 1975 over 16 million persons passed through the international gate at Calexico. The Federal government employs 233 at the U.S. Border Patrol station in Calexico.

## POPULATION, HOUSING AND INCOME

Population of the City of Calexico has more than doubled since the 1950 Federal Census. The pattern of growth has been steady and sustained, as reflected in the following summary of U.S. Census reports and the most recent population estimate. As noted in the following tabulation, the city's rate of growth has consistently exceeded that of Imperial County since the 1930's.

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### CITY OF CALEXICO AND IMPERIAL COUNTY Population Statistics

Year	City of Calexico	Percent Change	Imperial County	Percent Change
1940	5,415	--	59,740	--
1950	6,433	18.8%	62,975	5.4%
1960	7,922	23.1%	72,105	14.5%
1970	10,625	34.1%	74,492	3.3%
1976	13,050	22.8%	83,800	12.5%

Sources: 1940 - 70: U.S. Bureau of the Census.  
1976: January 1 estimate by the State Department of Finance.

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The 1970 Census of Housing reported 2,663 housing units in the City of Calexico. About 78 percent of this total housing stock consisted of single-family homes. Owner-occupied homes had a median value of \$14,800 in 1970, compared with \$13,700 countywide.

Approximately 760 new housing units have been built or authorized in Calexico since 1970. Slightly more than two-thirds of these new housing units were single-family dwellings.

During the 18 months ended in June 1976, the average value of permits issued for new single-family homes in the city was \$28,286, exclusive of land. The county average was \$30,885.

In the 1970 Federal Census, average family income in Calexico was \$8,222. The median family income was \$6,869, compared with \$8,257 in Imperial County. Shown below is the distribution of family income in the city for 1970.

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### CITY OF CALEXICO Family Income 1970

Income	Number of Families
Less than \$10,000	1,574
\$10,000 - \$14,999	330
\$15,000 - \$24,999	189
\$25,000 - \$49,999	65
Total	2,158

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.

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## EMPLOYMENT

The District forms part of the Imperial County Labor Market, as reported monthly by the California Department of Employment Development. As of June 1976, this labor market area had a total civilian labor force of 35,500 and total civilian employment of 29,600, including self-employed persons and family workers. The unadjusted unemployment rate was 16.6 percent, compared with 17.4 percent in June 1975.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in June 1976 was 24,650, an increase of 1,300 year-to-year. An additional 8,800 persons are employed in agriculture. Trade and government are the principal sources of employment, between them accounting for about 67 percent of all nonfarm workers. Services and manufacturing are the next most important industries for number of jobs. The food products, stone-clay-glass, and apparel industries account for the greatest share of industrial workers in the county.

Imperial County employs over 900 at county offices in El Centro, located 11 miles north of the District. At Seeley, 6 miles west of El Centro, the U.S. Navy employs approximately 700 civilians and military personnel at the National Parachute Test Range.

A summary of nonagricultural employment in the Imperial County Labor Market for June 1975 and June 1976 appears below. Also presented is a listing of the largest employers in the Calexico - El Centro area.

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### IMPERIAL COUNTY LABOR MARKET Nonagricultural Employment by Industry

Industry	June 1975	June 1976	Percent Change
Manufacturing	2,050	2,150	4.9%
Construction	700	700	--
Transportation, Utilities	1,350	1,400	3.7%
Trade, Wholesale	2,350	3,050	29.8%
Trade, Retail	5,350	5,500	2.8%
Finance, Insurance,			
Real Estate	600	600	--
Services	3,000	3,200	6.7%
Government, Federal	1,100	1,100	--
Government, State and Local	6,850	6,950	1.5%
Total	23,350	24,650	5.6%
Agriculture	8,700	8,800	1.1%

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Source: California Employment Development Department.

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CALEXICO - EL CENTRO LABOR MARKET  
Largest Employers

Company	Product/Service	Number of Employees
Imperial County	Government	941
Imperial Irrigation District **	Water and power	900
Naval Air Facility	U.S. Navy	700
Calexico Unified School District *	Education	425
Holly Sugar Co.	Sugar, molasses, beet pulp	400
U.S. Gypsum	Gypsum	280
Pacific Telephone Co. **	Communications	250
Imperial Valley College	Education	235
U.S. Border Patrol *	Federal government	233
Imperial Stores **	Retail	220
Valley Nitrogen Producers	Fertilizer	161
City of Calexico *	Government	124
Desert Seed Co.	Seed processing	150
El Centro Community Hospital	Medical services	292
Sears Department Store	Retail	144
J. C. Penny Co. **	Retail	140
Ryerson Concrete	Building materials	105
Douthitt Steel & Supply Co.	Industrial supplies	100
Fed Mart *	Retail	140
Safeway Stores *	Retail	90
Calexico Hospital *	Medical Services	86
Suzy Curtains of California *	Curtains	76
Imperial Valley Press **	Publishing	86
El Centro Garment Co.	Apparel	75
Valley Convalescent Oasis	Rest home	95

\* Located in the District.

\*\* Employs an undetermined number within the District.

Sources: Calexico Chamber of Commerce.  
El Centro Chamber of Commerce.

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#### COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Early in 1976, Fed Mart Family Savings Centers opened a new shopping center west of State Highway 111, in the northwestern part of Calexico. This center includes a Fed Mart department store, a Fed Mart Auto Center, and other establishments. The City Planning Department reports that plans have been approved for a new shopping center in the southwestern quadrant of the city that will include Longs Drug Stores, Safeway Stores, and other tenants.

Between 1973 and 1975 taxable transactions in the city increased 50 percent (1973 was the first full year in which gasoline became taxable), as reported by the State Board of Equalization. Over 95 percent of total taxable transactions in Calexico are reported by retail outlets, reflecting its position as an established trading center. With slightly more than 15 percent of county population, Calexico accounts for nearly 21 percent of total taxable transactions in Imperial County.

Accompanying tabulations present taxable sales activity in Calexico by years since 1971, and a breakdown of taxable sales for the year 1975 by type of outlet. Over one-third of total taxable dollar volume last year was registered by general merchandise stores. Residents of Mexicali can conveniently cross the border on foot, and many shop in Calexico to obtain goods they cannot get at home. A devaluation of Mexico's peso became effective September 1, 1976. The Calexico Chamber of Commerce reports that the effect of the devaluation, at this time, cannot be determined.

CITY OF CALEXICO  
Taxable Transactions  
(\$000 omitted)

Year	Retail Outlets		All Outlets	
	Permits	Transactions	Permits	Transactions
1971	170	\$31,108	236	\$32,327
1972 (1)	177	35,636	254	37,031
1973	173	41,877	259	43,721
1974	178	51,709	263	54,189
1975	180	62,912	279	65,577
1976(3 mos.)	177	16,503	277	17,270

(1) Gasoline for highway use became taxable July 1, 1972.

Source: State Board of Equalization.

CITY OF CALEXICO  
Taxable Transactions by Type of Outlet 1975

Type of Business	No. of Permits	Taxable Transactions
Apparel Stores	35	\$ 7,818,000
General Merchandise	19	22,283,000
Drug Stores	5	2,207,000
Food Stores	29	8,266,000
Eating and Drinking Places	31	3,138,000
Home Furnishings, Appliances	12	1,463,000
Auto Dealers, Auto Supplies	11	3,859,000
Service Stations	13	8,168,000
Other Retail	25	5,710,000
Retail Store Totals	180	\$62,912,000
All Other Outlets	99	2,665,000
 Totals All Outlets	 279	 \$65,577,000

Source: State Board of Equalization.

As noted previously, industrial activity in Calexico is limited at the present time. The Calexico Industrial District, located in the southwestern part of the city, consists of 240 acres, of which 9 acres are developed. This area is zoned M-1 (light industrial). The principal tenants are Three Jay Manufacturing Company, a garment firm employing 80 persons, and Suzy Curtains of California, which employs 76.

To stimulate industrial employment, the City of Calexico has supported the Calexico Community Action Council, a non-profit organization devoted to developing the 66-acre Calexico Industrial Park, located in newly-annexed land in the northern part of the city, east of State Highway 111. This industrial area lies immediately north of Kennedy Gardens, a residential area partially developed with Federal grants, and is intended to provide jobs for the residents of that residential community. Planning for the industrial park is now largely completed, and construction of streets, sewers and other utilities is expected to start in the near future. The city hopes to attract light manufacturing and assembly operations, with ultimate employment of approximately 2,000 persons at the site.

#### BUILDING PERMIT VALUATION

In the five-year period 1971-75 the City of Calexico issued building permits valued at nearly \$18 million. About 60 percent of this total dollar volume consisted of permits for residential construction.

Of the 712 new housing units authorized during the 1971-75 period, 483 were single-family homes. The Calexico Community Action Council constructed 299 of these dwellings. Most of this activity occurred in 1971 and 1972. Since 1972, multiple units have been favored. Non-residential construction has also increased in the past three years.

In August, 1975 a commercial building permit valued at \$2,303,000 was awarded to Fed Mart Corporation for construction of a shopping center. The center is now open for business.

Shown below is a summary of building permit activity by years since 1971 for the City of Calexico.

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CITY OF CALEXICO  
Building Permit Valuation  
(\$000 omitted)

Type	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976 (6 mos.)
Residential	\$5,036	\$3,111	\$ 847	\$1,101	\$ 595	\$303
Non-residential	1,019	528	1,166	1,283	3,233	583
Total	\$6,055	3,639	2,013	2,384	3,828	886
<u>Number of New Housing Units:</u>						
Single-Family	269	179	17	8	10	4
Multi-Family	110	6	23	79	11	7
Total	379	185	40	87	21	11

Source: "California Construction Trends", Security Pacific Bank.

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## AGRICULTURE

With a growing season exceeding 320 days in some years, Imperial County is one of the leading agricultural counties in California. In each of the past two years, gross value of farm output topped half a billion dollars annually.

The principal agricultural product is beef cattle, which accounted for over one-fourth of farm gross production values in the 1974-75 period.

Leading farm crops in the county are sugar beets, hay, cotton lint, lettuce, and wheat, each valued at more than \$1 million in 1975.

The tabulations below show the county's agricultural production by major category since 1972, and the twenty crops which were valued at more than \$1 million in 1975.

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### IMPERIAL COUNTY

#### Gross Value of Agricultural Production

Crop	1972	1973	1974	1975
Field Crops	\$104,689,000	\$169,871,000	\$284,242,000	\$215,967,000
Vegetable Crops	93,174,000	119,102,000	102,763,000	142,288,000
Livestock and Dairy	119,741,000	190,644,000	155,182,000	127,204,000
Seed and Nursery	2,999,000	6,440,000	11,870,000	10,780,000
Other	2,759,000	3,713,000	3,066,000	3,943,000
Total	\$323,362,000	\$498,770,000	\$557,123,000	\$500,182,000

Source: Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner.

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### IMPERIAL COUNTY

#### Million Dollar Crops 1975

Lettuce	\$75,180,000	Onions	\$ 7,169,000
Hay, Alfalfa	64,449,000	Sorghum	5,674,000
Sugar Beets	57,296,000	Pasture, Alfalfa	3,348,000
Wheat	43,560,000	Sudan Grass	3,075,000
Cotton Lint	25,641,000	Watermelons	2,911,000
Tomatoes	13,892,000	Pasture, Ryegrass	1,870,000
Carrots	13,630,000	Pasture, sugar beet tops	1,690,000
Cantaloupes	11,069,000	Alfalfa Seed	1,346,000
Cotton Seed	9,005,000	Squash	1,157,000
Asparagus	8,822,000	Barley	1,100,000

Source: Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner.

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## TRANSPORTATION

An extensive and well-maintained highway network serves the area. State Highway 98 traverses the District, generally following the international border. About nine miles to the north is Interstate 8, which serves the San Diego area and joins Interstate 10 south of Phoenix, Arizona, forming a transcontinental route across the southern United States. State Highway 111 provides north-south traffic circulation through the District, connecting with Interstate 8 about two miles east of El Centro. It serves the central part of the Imperial Valley.

The Southern Pacific main line between Southern California, Texas, and New Orleans passes through the District. Pacific Fruit Express and the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railroad are other rail organizations serving the Imperial Valley.

There is a Greyhound Bus Lines terminal at Calexico. Local bus service is scheduled by the Calexico Transit System.

Six offices of major West Coast trucking firms are located in Calexico.

The Calexico International Airport, located southwest of the city center, offers aircraft rental, charter service, and a 24-hour air ambulance. Three miles north of El Centro is the Imperial County Airport, with scheduled air passenger and air cargo service by Hughes Airwest and Imperial Airlines. There is a municipal airport at Brawley.

## UTILITIES

Utility services in the District are furnished by the following suppliers:

Electric power: Imperial Irrigation District  
Natural gas: Southern California Gas Company  
Telephone: Pacific Telephone Company  
Water: City of Calexico  
Sanitation: City of Calexico Waste Treatment Plant

## EDUCATION

In addition to the elementary and secondary public school services provided by the Calexico Unified School District, two sectarian elementary schools and one parochial high school are located in Calexico.

Public instruction beyond high school is available at Imperial Valley College, located 12 miles north of the District at Imperial. This two-year community college, operated by the Imperial Community College District, awards the certificate in various vocational and academic fields, either for terminal study or for transfer to a four-year institution. Enrollment in the fall of 1975 was 5,047 students.

San Diego State University maintains the Imperial Valley Campus at Calexico, near administrative offices of the District in the center of the city. The program at the Calexico campus is limited to upper division and graduate students. Eight majors leading to the bachelor's degree and a program designed to complete the California teaching credential are offered. The campus consists of a cluster of eight large buildings set in an eight-acre landscaped area. The 1975/76 enrollment was 442.

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RECREATION

Medical services are available at the 34-bed Calexico Hospital, which offers 24-hour emergency service. Round-the-clock emergency service is also available at El Centro Community Hospital and Pioneers Memorial Hospital at Brawley.

Seven physicians, three surgeons, and three dentists practice in the District.

The City of Calexico maintains a public library. An Imperial Valley Bookmobile also serves the District. There are 14 churches in Calexico.

Radio station KICO in Calexico broadcasts locally. Other radio stations in the area include KAMP and KXO, both in El Centro, and KELK and KROP, in Brawley. KECC Television, El Centro, and cable service of the Imperial Valley Cable Company, El Centro, provide access to twelve TV channels for local residents.

The weekly Calexico Chronicle provides local news coverage, supplemented by the Imperial Valley Press, published week-days at El Centro. The Los Angeles Times maintains area offices at El Centro and Brawley.

Financial services in the District are available from branch offices of Bank of America, Crocker National Bank, and United California Bank, all statewide systems. Imperial Savings and Loan Association operates a branch office at Calexico.

There are seven parks within the city limits of Calexico. The City operates a swimming pool, a youth center, and a community center with kitchen facilities and a large multipurpose room with a capacity of 550 persons.

The International Golf and Country Club in Calexico is open to the public. Other courses in the area which are open to the public include Del Rio Country Club in Brawley and Imperial Valley Country Club at Holtville.

About 40 miles north of the District is the Salton Sea, a saline body of water located in Imperial and Riverside Counties. It was created by massive flooding of the Colorado River in 1905-07, and lies 230 feet below sea level. Its 375 square miles of water surface and 115 miles of shore line provide many opportunities for boating, fishing, water skiing, and other outdoor activities.

There is excellent fishing on the Colorado River, along the county's eastern border. Bird hunting in the Imperial Valley is a popular sport.

Mexicali, readily accessible to District residents, offers opportunities for sightseeing in a foreign atmosphere. It also serves as the gateway to the Gulf of California, famed for game fishing.

To the west of the District is the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, which lies in both Imperial County and San Diego County. This scenic area of desert and mountains has many attractions for the camper, hiker, and visitor.





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